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## ANOTHER RECEIVER

This Time it is the Kennett Road.

Another Move of the Gould People to Break Down Louis Houck.

Our people, we are sure, will be as much surprised as they are pained to learn that, yesterday, on the order of the notorious Judge Wear, Mr. Houck's "Kennett" road was thrown into the hands of a receiver, Col. Fordyce, President of the Cotton Belt Railroad. This company has no matured outstanding indebtedness, its bonded interest is paid, it is an absolutely solvent corporation and is a splendid paying property. No notice was given Mr. Houck of the intended application for the appointment of a receiver and the first he knew of it was when Col. Fordyce arrived on the scene in his special car with the papers appointing him in his pocket. Judge Wear is the last man in the world who should take official action in a matter like this, affidavits being now on file in his court in other cases disqualifying him from trying any suits against said company, and Col. Fordyce is equally disqualified to act as receiver because he is President of the Cotton Belt Railroad, which is a direct competitor for business with the Kennett road and the fact is that the Kennett road has been hauling business from Campbell, a point on the Cotton Belt, to the river in direct competition with the Cotton Belt and has also by means of the extension of the road to Caruthersville been able to make through rates from St. Louis much lower than via the Cotton Belt-Iron Mountain route thereby greatly benefitting the people in the lower part of the State and inflicting a considerable loss on the Gould lines. The conviction is forced upon our mind that this is another move on the part of the Gould crowd to break down Mr. Houck and drive him out of the business of transportation in this portion of the State and intimidate all others from attempting to build any other railroad in this section. It is to be hoped that such a result can not be obtained under the forms of law because if such is the case we have a despotism here in comparison to which the "rigid rule of Russia is the wildest dream of liberty."

It is said the suit under which the appointment was made was instituted in the name of one A. J. Kerfoot, a discharged employee of the company and the holder of a few shares of stock therein, and a man who issued time checks to himself and had them cashed at the bank for a larger amount than he was to receive as salary.

### Couldn't Shave a Bit.

When the famous archaeologist came into the club yesterday afternoon his erudite countenance was ornamented at several points with sticking plaster, and there was a general inquiry among his friends as to what was the matter.

"Razor," said the professor, briefly. "Good gracious! Where did you get shaved?" asked one of our younger members sympathetically.

"It's a strange thing," said the man of learning. "I was shaved this morning by a man who really is, I suppose, a little above the ordinary barber. I know of my own knowledge that he took a double first-class at Oxford; that he studied at Heidelberg afterwards, and spent several years in other foreign educational centers. I know, also, of my own knowledge, that he has contributed scientific articles to our best magazine, and has numbered among his intimate friends men of the highest social and scientific standing in Europe and America. And yet," soliloquized the savant, "he can't shave a man decently."

"By Jove!" exclaimed the young members, in astonishment. "What is he a barber for, with all those accomplishments?"

"Oh, he isn't a barber!" said the book-worm, yawning. "You see, I shaved myself this morning."—Answers.

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## NEW CONSUMPTION CURE.

The Patient Breathes Medicated Air Through a Tube.

ELGIN, ILL., April 9.—Dr. W. A. Shepard announces a scientific and complete solution of the consumption problem. It is the result of six years' of determined and patient researches in his laboratory here. Dr. Shepard concluded early in his career to devote his life to the work of finding some method by which the fatal germs could be conquered. His findings were laboratory secrets until 1894, when he secured as evidence.

Dr. Shepard spent two years elaborating an instrument. He took the ordinary spirometer and added to it. The patient breathes the medicated air through a tube and exhales it into the same receptacle. This process purges the cells, which have become idle from disuse, and builds up the good ones in the same way that exercise adds to the muscular tissue. The Doctor makes no claims of doing anything strange or mysterious, or operating lungs where there are none. His theory is that half a lung with its capacity judiciously exercised is as good as a whole one. Dr. Shepard says of his discovery:

"I have solved the problem of consumption. The laboratory record proves that during the four years of experiments every case in the first stage was cured; 80 per cent. of those in the second stage are living witnesses, and several in the last stage and ready to die are now safe and sound in Chicago and Elgin."

### In the Same Line Himself.

A more or less distinguished young foreigner placed an advertisement in the personal column of a morning newspaper a few days ago, requesting information as to the whereabouts of his father, who had left his family in Europe years ago and had been heard from last in San Francisco. A certain private detective with an eye to business noticed the advertisement, and in due course of time an agent connected with his bureau called upon the more or less distinguished young foreigner and informed him that should he call at the office he could make arrangements to have his father found. He did so. After a long talk with the head of the bureau, to whom he gave full particulars about his missing parent, he was informed that his father could undoubtedly be found and that the charges would be \$25 as a starter and \$25 when the job was completed. "Mein Gott!" he exclaimed. "Das is what I want! Mein fadder for!" The deal fell through.—San Francisco Examiner.

### North Carolina's Little Republic.

In the Western part of North Carolina is a perfectly organized republic, independent of both State and national Governments. It is known as the Qualla Reserve, and is the home of about 1,000 of the Cherokee Indians belonging to the Eastern branch. The reserve has an area of 50,000 acres, or eighty-two square miles, of the richest valley land of the state, lying along the Oconee, Lufita and Socco Creeks. The President of the little republic is elected every four years. He receives a salary of \$500 a year, but when at Washington on business for the republic he gets \$4 a day extra. He is called chief, but none but a Cherokee of more than 35 years is eligible to the chieftainship. When he is absent his duties are performed by an assistant chief, whose salary is \$250 a year. The chief has a Cabinet of three Secretaries, and the Congress comprises two delegates from every 100 members of the tribe. The Cherokee males of 16, and all white men who have Indian wives, have the right to vote. The constitution provides for the maintenance of a public school, in which both English and Cherokee are taught. The inhabitants of the reserve are intelligent, fairly well educated, law-abiding and industrious.—Harper's Round Table.

### A New Version.

The old legend "Pike's Peak or Bust," which used to adorn the canvass covers of immigrant wagons in the old days, has been succeeded by various signs appropriate to be changed and changing location of the boomers paradise. A big-prairie schooner passed through Osborne, Kan., bound east from Oklahoma last week, bearing the inscription: "Oklahoma for starvation, Kansas for desolation, Texas for devastation, Nebraska for damnation. Going to Ohio to sponge on wife's relations. To H—l with Democratic administration—Ex."

## BLAND FOR PRESIDENT.

Test of the Resolution Adopted by the Sedalia Convention.

The following resolution was offered by Governor Stone and adopted by the Sedalia convention.

Whereas, the restoration of free bimetallic coinage as it existed in the United States prior to the so-called demonetization act of 1873 is to be the leading issue in the forthcoming National election; and

Whereas, An honored citizen of this State is among the foremost advocates of bimetallicism, not only in the United States, but in the world—his name being familiarly associated with silver coinage in every civilized nation upon the globe; and

Whereas, He is a man of large public experience, familiar with all the phases of national affairs, and a gentleman whose character for integrity in all the relations of life, makes him the peer of any living man; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Democracy of Missouri takes pride in presenting to the National Convention at Chicago the name of Richard Parks Bland—a name known throughout the world—for nomination to the office of President of the United States; and the delegates from this State to said convention are instructed to use every honorable means to promote his nomination.

### What Makes a Gentleman.

Dr. Charles B. Mitchell, of Kansas City, in an address a few days ago to high school students, in Kansas City, said: "Men and women fail to make a success in life because they do not know how to be ladies and gentlemen. He pointed out what to his mind constituted the true gentleman, and said it was not the outward appearance of man by which we were to judge of him; that the courteous and refined gentleman, who never allows himself to be annoyed by others, no matter how insulting the remarks of those with whom he is thrown in contact, is the one who succeeds in business, society and in his life work. He did not want to be understood as defending the dullest or his partner—the dullest—for the reason that it was not necessary to be a dullest to be a true gentleman. Men and women are not gauged by their outward personal appearance, but by what they are and what they know."

"Can you imagine," he said, "those long, awkward legs of Abraham Lincoln, crossed over each other, sitting on his back—yet there was the gentlemanliness of the great heart and the greater intellect. Do you suppose that Lincoln, the noblest of Americans, ever spent hours in the study of books upon etiquette? No! He was a gentleman by birth; his was the work of the heart."

"Many young women wonder why they are not popular in society. It's because they don't know how to get on. The girl who is most avoided by men and women is the one who prides herself on her sarcastic tongue and thinks she can out a fellow all up. She is curt, instead of courteous, and is the one who is most dreaded by all men. Man consists not in brawn, but in the breadth of the brain. To be a gentleman or lady is one of the elements that enters into the success of a life. Fine etiquette does not make a gentleman, or lady, but it is the work of the heart. Young men and women, weigh well the value of courtesy, as it is the measure of many a young man's or young woman's success."

### By the Barrel.

She is an English woman and a new domestic in a boarding house. She was rolling a heavy barrel along the basement hall when one of the boarders passed her.

"What have you there, Annie?"

"The hash barrel, sir."

"The What?"

"The hash barrel."

"Great Scott! I knew we ate a lot of it, but I didn't think she bought it by the barrel."—New York Recorder.

### Those Who Escaped.

As a result of last Tuesday's primary the following were declared the nominees of the Democratic party of Scott county. For representative, Lon B. Williams; prosecuting attorney, J. L. Moore; sheriff, W. R. Batts; collector, W. H. Heisserer; judge first district, C. N. Welch; judge second district, J. L. Hale; county treasurer, W. C. Lambert; assessor, Chas. Chaney; coroner, G. W. Brundrett; surveyor, S. R. Jones; public administrator, W. H. Stubbfield, Sr.—Scott County Newsboy.

## Colonel Fordyce as Receiver.

KENNETT, Mo., April 13.—Colonel S. W. Fordyce of the Cotton Belt Railroad appeared here to-day on a special train, accompanied by his division superintendent, Mr. McGowan and his attorney, W. S. C. Walker of Malden, armed with authority as receiver, under appointment of Judge John G. Wear, and formally demanded possession of the St. Louis, Kennett and Southern Railway, and the Pemiscot Railroad, now operated as one road, a majority of the stock having consolidated the two roads last year. The papers were served by Colonel Fordyce on Louis B. Houck, nephew of Judge Houck of Cape Girardeau, who has a controlling interest, he being here in the capacity of general superintendent or manager. L. B. Houck declined to surrender the property except on orders from his uncle. The sheriff then served the papers, but young Houck still declined to give up and it is supposed Judge Wear will again be called on to act further.

The proceedings for a receiver were instituted at Poplar Bluff by A. J. Kerfoot, a minority stockholder, until last December manager and superintendent of the road. He claims a breach in the contract between himself and Judge Houck, by which the latter obtained an interest in it. He also claims that the consolidation of the 19 miles of the original Kennett and Southern road with 25 miles of the Pemiscot Railroad was made unlawfully. Colonel Fordyce gives on his \$25,000 bond T. H. West and William Nichols, a St. Louis banker. This case promises to be a long-fought one and it well resembles the now celebrated Merriam-Klotz-Houck case. Colonel Fordyce and his party will remain here until to-morrow before taking any further action.

### No Republican Split on Silver.

Evidence that the silver Republicans will make no serious demonstration in the St. Louis Convention are accumulating. A short time ago the South Dakota State Convention committed its delegates at large, one of whom is Senator Pettigrew, to vote for protection and sound money. This was an important break in the silver line. Another indication of "weakness" in the silver region is afforded by Senator Teller, the most pronounced and courageous of the Republican silver champions. In an interview in Washington the Senator says the silver Republicans will loyally support the nominee of the St. Louis Convention if they believe he is really, sincerely, honestly and earnestly in favor of an international agreement, and would endeavor to secure such an agreement in good faith.

This expression, which undoubtedly voices the opinion of four out of every five of the Republican 16 to 1 men, makes their position plain. The National Convention will commit the party to an effort to secure an international agreement on silver, and the candidate, whoever he will be, will stand squarely on the platform. This desire to get a general remonetization of silver by Europe and the United States has been the position of the Republican party ever since silver became an issue, in 1877, and no national being supposes it will be abandoned now. Very few intelligent Republicans suppose that the adoption of international bimetallicism can be accomplished in the near future, but every Republican wishes it, and wants the Government to work for it. In the interval, of course, the gold standard, which has been in operation since 1834, except in 1862-78 while the country was on the paper basis, will be maintained.

The platform will set forth the sentiment of the bulk of the party on the finance question, the candidates, when selected, will be guided by the platform, and the entire party will support the candidates. There is not the smallest room for doubt on any one of these points. The silver Republicans would gain nothing by going over to the Democracy, for there is no hope for the adoption of free coinage by that party except on the condition of silver remonetization by Europe, which is the Republican position. Of course they will not go to the Populists or to the "third" party under whatever name it may be. In that direction madness lies. Colorado, Montana and the rest of the silver States, with the possible exception of Nevada, will give their electoral votes to the Republican ticket. The ticket could be elected without their votes, but it will get them. There will be no break in the Republican line on silver or any other question in 1896.—Globe-Democrat.

## HAD A HIGH TIME.

Some Fellows Who Discovered a Farmer's Private Bank.

DEXTER, Mo., April 14.—Frank Vincent is a farmer who lives in Stoddard County. He had improvised a bank out of an old boot which he placed on a sill under his house. This he filled with his savings until he had accumulated about \$800. Jim Edwards, a farm hand, found the money by accident some time during the past and he and five companions have been living like princes since. Their prodigality attracted the attention of the neighborhood, but no one knew where the money came from and a strict vigilance failed to give any clue.

The mystery was solved a day or two ago when Harry Watson went to Bernie and got drunk and in his muddled condition gave the snap away. He refused to tell who his accomplices were until a rope was placed around his neck and one or two strong hands made. He gave the names of Jim, George and Charles Edwards and Charles and George Morning, and they have since been arrested and placed under bond. Frank Vincent, the loser, never missed the money until Watson peached. About \$400 or \$500 of the money was recovered. Vincent did not deem banks safe.

### STRUGGLE FOR A RAILROAD.

Receiver Fordyce and Supt. Houck are Still at War.

KENNETT, Mo., April 15.—The trouble over the appointment of Col. S. W. Fordyce as receiver of the Kennett & Southern Railroad by Judge Wear is not yet over. Yesterday afternoon when the Sheriff started to take possession of the property and arrest young L. B. Houck, the Superintendent, that official had a train of freight cars loaded with ties backed into an open switch and wrecked.

Houck then jumped on the engine and pulled east into Pemiscot county in Judge Riley's jurisdiction. Under his orders the other engine's crew pulled north for Campbell, and it is said wrecked cars at that end of the line and cut the telegraph wires. Receiver Fordyce's special train here was left hemmed in on a sidetrack by the wreck. No telegraph communication could be obtained.

Later the wreck was cleared and one of the Houck engines showed up from the North. The Sheriff succeeded only this morning in getting it ten miles north of here. It was brought back.

Young L. B. Houck is supposed to be holding the fort at Caruthersville with the other engine and the coaches. It is expected that his uncle, Judge Houck, is making some movement before Judge Riley. Col. Fordyce has made J. B. Homan, of Little Rock superintendent of the property.

### Spectacles for Children.

The number of spectacled midgets to be seen around everywhere nowadays is something startling. It is hard to believe that there were probably as many of the preceding generation in need of the same help for defective vision, who never got it. Many family physicians make it a part of their regular duty to know that the children in their charge have normal sight, or the chance of getting it. There was a baby in arms in the street car recently, a fat, healthy, hearty fellow, whose bright roguish eyes looked out through a pair of large spectacles, securely fastened by an elaborate arrangement of strings and rubber bands.

Across the car was a woman, who, looking at the baby, told this of her own experience—that when she was 22 years old she went to an oculist for treatment of a slight injury incidentally that she had never had normal sight and that the constant strain to which the weak nerves had always been subjected was the one certain cause of the agonizing headaches that she had suffered every little while from her earliest childhood. That she had always been delicate and ailing was the result of the headaches, naturally. A few weeks' treatment and the use of proper glasses proved all this true. There was never another headache—her splendid constitution jumped at its chance and she was strong and well at once.

Twenty-two years of a girl's life in almost constant suffering for lack of a pair of spectacles when a child! And she was the cherished daughter of a well-to-do man.—New York Tribune.

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## TRUE AMERICANISM DEFINED.

B. B. Cahoon, the Southeast Missouri gubernatorial Candidate Favors the Largest Political and Religious Tolerance Reasonable.

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo., April 13.—Hon. B. B. Cahoon of this town, whose candidacy for Governor has at last practically solidified Southeast Missouri for him, has just written the following public letter, which explains itself:

"FREDERICKTOWN, Mo., April 13.—Dr. S. A. Bates, Piedmont, Wayne county, Mo.: My Dear Sir—I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst., informing me that men claiming to be Republicans are and have been at work secretly to poison the minds of Republicans in your county, who do not know me personally, by charging that I am a Catholic. You kindly suggest that I should at once take steps to counteract that sort of politics."

"I am frank to say that several years ago I leaned toward and took preliminary steps to join the Catholic church. I was not nor do I expect to be confirmed a Catholic or to join that church for reasons personal, which, to me, are sufficient and which do not concern, nor is the public interested therein. I do not think a man like myself, whose paternal ancestor was a soldier under George Washington during the Revolutionary War, and who was a soldier from my fifteenth to my nineteenth year, need in order to prove I am a good American, eternally smite my breast and proclaim that fact on the street corners."

"I do not feel that I, who acquired a limited education solely in and who was afterward a teacher of the public schools, and who have since been their devotee, need not prove I am their friend, and carry a placard on my breast, inscribed: 'I am a public school man.' That and my Americanism go without saying, and must be tested by my past services to our country and to its glorious public schools."

"I am ready, if need be, to fight for both, as I certainly will against all foreign or priestly, be it Catholic or Protestant, interference with the control of our politics, because we do not propose to tolerate for an instant the slightest direct or indirect union of church or state in this country. Yet, for myself, I will ever fight my political battles openly and above board, and not as a member of any secret political society or party."

"In my judgment, the Republican party, which can certainly be depended upon at all times to protect the country and its public schools, and to guarantee freedom and justice to all men, so completely covers by its sublime creed all that is good in American politics and thought, that there is actually no excuse, especially just now, for the existence of any other political party, be it public or secret. I say, in all seriousness, that the Republican party itself embraces, in my judgment, all that is worthy of conversation in our public or political life, and it may, in the future, as in the past safely be depended upon to guard all our public institutions and our national interests, and to be equal to all our public needs."

"Besides these views, I wish to emphatically say that I stand where Washington and Lincoln stood, ready to take by the hand any worthy foreigner, who, in good faith, comes to join his political and personal fortunes with us, and neither rewarding or punishing a man on account of his religion or on account of his lack of it; favoring, in short, the largest political and religious toleration consistent with the broadest Americanism. I intend ever so to stand, come personal failure or success. I would rather so stand than be the occupant of the executive mansion of Missouri. Not so to stand is, in my judgment, to ignore the best of the fundamental principles for which our fathers died."

"To abandon for temporary office or success the principles of political assimilation and recognition of people of foreign birth who come to share our political blessings and of religious toleration is to my mind a desertion of what I esteem the best in true Americanism. I, for one, will never abandon either. Sooner than do it, I say perish honor, fame, glory, riches; perish life itself."

Very sincerely yours,  
"B. B. CAHOON."

### Ballard's Snow Liniment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow Liniment. It will positively cure it and at once. Try it and recommend it to your friends. Sold at Wilson's drug store.